



Los Angeles County Regional Park And Open Space District

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The Honorable Board of Directors
County of Los Angeles
Regional Park and Open Space District
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ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Directors:

**ALLOCATE SPECIFIED EXCESS FUNDS AVAILABLE TO THE FIRST SUPERVISORIAL
DISTRICT TO THE MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
AND AUTHORIZE AWARD AND ADMINISTRATION OF A GRANT TO
LITTLE TOKYO SERVICE CENTER FOR THE BUDOKAN
OF LOS ANGELES DEVELOPMENT PROJECT
(FIRST DISTRICT)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Approval of the recommended actions will allocate an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 in Specified Excess Funds, available to the First Supervisorial District, to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for a grant to Little Tokyo Service Center for the proposed Budokan of Los Angeles Development Project.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Allocate an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 in Specified Excess Funds, available to the First Supervisorial District, to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for a grant to Little Tokyo Service Center for the proposed Budokan of Los Angeles Development Project.
2. Authorize the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, in his capacity as the Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, to award a not to exceed \$1,000,000 grant to Little Tokyo Service Center for the proposed Budokan of Los Angeles Development Project, after the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority assigns the right to apply to Little Tokyo Service Center and if applicable conditions have been met; and to administer the grant as of the date of this action and pursuant to procedures in the Procedural Guide for

Specified, Per Parcel, and Excess Funds Projects; otherwise, funds shall remain in the Excess Funds account.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will allocate an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 in Specified Excess Funds, available to the First Supervisorial District pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 (1996 Proposition), to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) for a grant to Little Tokyo Service Center (LTSC) for the proposed Budokan of Los Angeles Development Project (Project).

LTSC, a non-profit organization, focuses on building communities and providing social services including aiding residents who face language or cultural gaps, financial needs, or physical disabilities.

The proposed Project consists of site preparation and development of a new approximately 89,000 square-foot multi-purpose community recreation facility, including a two-court gymnasium and support space, a mezzanine and terrace, a roof-top park, community rooms, a kitchen, and parking lot. The overall project cost is estimated at \$23,000,000. The recommended \$1,000,000 in Specified Excess Funds will be supplemented by \$500,000 from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services-Office of Community Services Grant, \$250,000 from the City of Los Angeles Proposition K (6th cycle), \$5,000,000 from the State of California Proposition 84, \$1,000,000 from Aratani Foundation, \$1,300,000 from the City of Los Angeles Proposition K (8th cycle), and \$13,950,000 in private contributions and in-kind services.

MRCA, which is the designated recipient of Specified Excess Funds for projects along the Los Angeles River and its tributaries under the 1996 Proposition, will assign its right to apply for the \$1,000,000 to LTSC.

It is also recommended that the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation (Director), in his capacity as Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, be authorized to award the grant after the MRCA assigns the right to apply to LTSC and only if applicable conditions have been met. Applicable conditions include grantee qualifications, consistency between the project and requirements of the 1996 Proposition, and grantee agreement with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements for the project. It is further recommended that the Director be authorized to administer the grant pursuant to the Procedural Guide for Specified, Per Parcel, and Excess Funds Projects previously approved by the Board.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended actions will further the Board-approved County Strategic Plan Goal of Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability (Goal 1) by enhancing health-promoting recreational opportunities along the Los Angeles River in the First Supervisorial District.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Sufficient appropriation for the Specified Excess Funds grant, in the amount of \$1,000,000, is budgeted in the First Supervisorial District's portion of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District's (RPOSD) Excess Funds Project Fund, HD6.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The 1996 Proposition requires that agencies to which funds were allocated under the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996 encumber all such funds prior to receiving grants of Excess Funds. MRCA and LTSC have each met this requirement.

The 1996 Proposition provides a method for determining, each fiscal year, the amount of funds available in the following fiscal year to fund capital improvement projects in addition to the amounts specifically identified for projects in the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996. The recommended grant will be funded from the Excess Funds available to the First Supervisorial District for Specified projects.

The Board may establish additional conditions on grants of Excess Funds. The Director will be authorized to award grants when all applicable conditions have been met. Any funds allocated by the Board, but not encumbered by award of a grant contract in the same fiscal year, shall be available for allocation by the Board in the following fiscal year.

On June 2, 2009, the Board approved the Procedural Guide to govern the administration of RPOSD grants. The Procedural Guide will appropriately govern the administration of the recommended grant as well.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

All public agency projects funded by RPOSD are required to comply with CEQA as a condition of the grant. The lead agency for the proposed Project is the City of Los Angeles (City), and as such, the City is responsible for preparing the appropriate environmental documentation for the proposed Project.

Upon completion of the appropriate environmental documentation by the City, we will return to the Board for consideration of the CEQA document prior to construction of the Project.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

A Grant Project Agreement (Agreement) will be entered into and administered under authority delegated to the Director and pursuant to the Procedural Guide approved by the Board in 2009 only if all applicable conditions of the grant have been met. The Agreement will be approved as to form by County Counsel.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The recommended actions will have no impact on any other projects funded by RPOSD, but are required for the enhancement of safe and accessible recreational opportunities in the First Supervisorial District.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Chief Executive Office, Capital Projects/Debt Management Division, and one to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

10/7/2014

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Russ Guiney".

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Director

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